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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] OLC

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SUBJECT : Proposed Comments on H.R. 12004

1. Confirming our conversation of yesterday, I have just a few thoughts on the proposed reply which we have seen in earlier drafts and have contributed to. Our comments are as follows:

a. By stating, in paragraph 2, that H.R. 12004 "in general" parallels Executive Order 11652, I think we to some extent weaken our right to object to H.R. 12004, since we have not objected to Executive Order 11652. I suggest we substitute for the words "in general" the words "to a degree." (This comment may be excessive nitpicking.)

b. I suggest we avoid the statement on page 2 that "implementation" of H.R. 12004 in effect would rescind the sources and methods authorities. Perhaps "impinge on" could be substituted.

c. The last sentence of the comment concerning the term "national defense of the United States" on page 3 in effect criticizes the bill in that area because of ambiguities in language. I think the more important objection to that provision is that the term is too narrow. The comment on that provision perhaps could urge that "national defense of the United States" be broadened to include also "foreign relations."



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